SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Third Barnstable Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.

Residents of Third Barnstable Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; 2.7% (3,215) of these admissions reside in the Third Barnstable Representative District. 2.1% (69) of admissions from the Third Barnstable Representative District were under 17 years of age. Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services. In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Third Barnstable Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 70% were male and 30% were female.
- 61% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 89% were white non-Latino, 5% were black non-Latino, 2% were Latino, and 5% were other racial categories.
- 52% were never married, 18% were married, and 30% reported not to be married now.
- 19% had less than high school education, 49% completed high school, and 32% had more than high school education.
- 32% were employed.
- 18% were homeless.
- 40% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a "primary drug" of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Third Barnstable Representative District.

Table 1 Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003									
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack				
District	60%	19%	6%	5%	2%				
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%				

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as 'polydrug' or 'polysubstance' use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well asthe prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2 Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003											
Third Barnstable Representative District											
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU				
FY '95	2,350	2,088	704	560	252	373	255				
FY '96	2,524	2,149	856	651	322	473	328				
FY '97	2,737	2,344	817	502	303	427	287				
FY '98	2,978	2,457	847	574	251	621	392				
FY '99	3,004	2,450	831	613	249	713	449				
FY '00	3,109	2,535	850	667	232	789	534				
FY '01	3,168	2,525	844	667	220	909	584				
FY '02	3,286	2,569	860	787	300	997	649				
FY '03	3,215	2,585	846	752	276	752	530				

Heroin and Injection Drug Use

Figure 1 below shows the proportional increases in all admissions in the Third Barnstable Representative District and the proportional increase in admissions reporting heroin and injection drug use, a factor driving increases in HIV.

